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TO: File

FROM: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer 

RE: Site Inspection, Custer Claim, DOE/047/031, SM/047/033

On April 4, 1988, I toured the above referenced placer mine with Kent Dahl. Dahl's company, Ridge Rock, is subleasing this unpatented placer claim from A.V. Rice. Total surface disturbance is currently estimated to be nine acres. The Custer Claim is west of and contiguous with a five acre placer site located on private land. This second operation is being run by A.V. Rice and Dennis Setliff of Texas (see SM/047/034).

Approximately six of the nine acres at the Custer Claim comprise the immediate mining area. The company has mined out and recently reclaimed two of these six acres. There are an additional three acres on the west end of the site. This area was mined in 1986 and Mr. Dahl says that they will reclaim this area within the next week.

The company plans to mine westward after mining out the area currently stripped. I told Mr. Dahl that he should submit a Small Mine Notice of Intent to the Division, and that we would closely monitor his operation. If Ridge Rock can effectively reclaim the mine, they will not have to file as a large mine operation. Reseeding of the reclaimed areas will not be required until the fall.

The BLM will provide Mr. Dahl with a seed mix recommendation. They will probably require that a plan of operations be submitted. It is recommended that the Division work closely with Diamond Mountain Resource Area on this project.

NOTE: This operation got into trouble early last year when it was discovered that they had been amalgamating with mercury onsite. They have since discontinued this practice and do their recovery off site. Mr. Dahl has been easy to work with, and he has requested that we contact him so that he can accompany us on any future inspection.

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